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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM /GHANIAN TIMES/ EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 15, HEALDINED "MR. FORD'S PLEDGE:"

1. "...THE 38TH PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. NATURALLY FINDS HIMSELF IN A SITUATION UNUSUAL IN THE ANNALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, HAVING FIRST BEEN 'SELECTED' FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY, AN ELECTIVE OFFICE AND, THEN, MOUNTING THE SADDLE OF TOPMOST LEADERSHIP AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF HIS PREDECESSOR, THE FIRST TO OCCUR IN U.S. HISTORY.

2. "WHILE MR. FORD MAY BE CONGRATULATED ON HIS GOLDEN LUCK, THE WORLD WILL BE WATCHING PIERCINGLY HOW HE SHOULDERS THE ENORMOUS TASK DEVOLVING UPON HIS OFFICE...

3 "...CONSIDERING THE UNCOMMON EVENTS SURROUNDING HIS ASCENSION TO OFFICE, MR. FORD HAS DEMONSTRATED SOME COURAGE OF CONVICTIONS AN AN ATTRIBUTE OF CHERISHED PRINCIPLES.

4. "WE ARE OBLIGED TO NOTE THE NEW PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE MR. NIXON'S POLICIES OF RECONCILIATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA, THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PURSUE MOVES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HER ALLIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

5. "THE 'TIMES' BELIEVES THAT MR. FORD'S JOB SHOULD NOT END THERE IF HE IS TO WRITE HIS NAME INDELIBLY IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

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HE MUST BREAK FRESH GROUNDS. HE MUST BE SEEN TO BE WORKING

FOR PEACE NOT ONLY IN EUROPE, ASIA OR THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT IN AFRICA AS WELL.

6. "...WE HOPE MR. FORD WILL DO HONOUR TO HIMSELF AND HIS NATION BY THROWING HIS FULL WEIGHT BEHIND THE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION BEING WAGED HERE IN AFRICA*" ITEM.
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